

December 4, 2022

Good Morning All,

~RCIA 9:45 – 10:45am Today's topic: The Church All are invited: Parish Hall

~First Sunday Adoration 12:00 – 3:00pm

~Divine Mercy Chaplet & Penitential Prayers 3:00 – 4:00pm

**Next Weekend:**

~Family Fun Night - Saturday December 10th with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits. Support the school fundraiser. See attached flyer for details. Don't forget the Teddy Bear toss!

~Christmas Concert on December 11th with Mr. Antonio Coniglio in the Church at 7:00pm Mr. Coniglio is currently studying for his PhD in mathematics at Columbia University. Prior to that, he was pursuing a career as a professional concert pianist. He has read and studied *Science Before Science* several times, and will base his performance and the meditations on what he learned from that book.

~**Save the Date:** January 3rd! A new five week class with Deacon Chet Johns. The class is about the True Devotion to Mary based upon the writings of St. Louis de Montfort on Tuesday evenings. Look for a sign up sheet soon in the Narthex. See the attached flyer.

1. Today's Readings: [Second Sunday of Advent | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Both Advent and the Holy Eucharist are about not just our desires but God's much greater desire. So it is appropriate to take time to think about these two together during this holy season of Advent. God is coming to us...

3. Quotes of the Day: As Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year, here are some quotes from Saints about new beginnings.

~"It is right that you should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again." *St Francis de Sales*

~"Begin now to be what you will be hereafter." *St Jerome*

~"Go to our Lord just as you are. Be natural in your meditation. He wants the thought and prayer of that heart as the genuine expression of its love for Him." *St Peter Julian Eymard*

***St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

Second Sunday of advent

First Sunday Adoration

Divine Mercy

--

Linda McCormick  
St. Joseph Catholic Church & School  
1200 Cornelia Road  
Anderson, SC 29621

Phone: (864) 225-5341, ext. 102

Fax: (864) 225-6432

## A Particularly Eucharistic Advent

Both Advent and the Holy Eucharist are about not just our desires but God's much greater desire.



The First Sunday of Advent is ecclesiastical New Year's Day. It is a fitting occasion to make resolutions to grow in the spiritual life, as each time we have the privilege to retrace Christ's life in the liturgical cycle ought to be, thanks to another year's experience, a time to align ourselves more faithfully to him whom we follow through time into eternity.

This Advent, the U.S. bishops have done us all a favor by placing before us a collective resolution: to grow in Eucharistic knowledge, faith, amazement, love, life, charity and apostolate. The three-year Eucharistic Revival the bishops have

inaugurated is an opportunity to look at each of the liturgical seasons with fresh eyes and Eucharistic lenses.

Traditionally, Advent has been about preparing for the second coming of Christ through retracing the steps by which God prepared the Jewish people for his first coming. But over the last several centuries, it has also taken on the dimension of stoking our longing for Christ's daily advent in prayer, in the sacraments and in providential diurnal occurrences. The preacher's quip is that Advent gets us ready to hasten to meet Christ in "history, mystery and majesty," meaning in Bethlehem, the Mass and the general judgment.

But while the Eucharistic dimension of Advent is not new, the revival is an opportunity to revitalize it, delving more deeply into the Eucharistic applications we can learn from the essential Advent virtues, figures and devotional practices. Let's look at a few.

The basic Advent virtue is loving vigilance. We ponder the 1,300-year longing of the Jewish people for the Messiah, for the liberation and peace he would bring and for the kingdom he would inaugurate as we stoke our hunger for his coming again on the clouds of heaven or the end of our life, whichever comes first. The Church wants us to become like the wise bridesmaids in Jesus' parable, with lamps lit waiting for the Bridegroom's arrival (Matthew 25:1-13). It encourages us to have an Advent wreath in which, week by week, our longing, symbolized by the flame of the wreath's four candles, grows.

This longing is meant to characterize our approach to Jesus really, substantially and truly present in the Eucharist. Many Catholics, over time, allow the fire they had toward Jesus in Holy Communion to attenuate or be extinguished. This Advent is a

time to look at that love and make it practical, turning Advent hymns, familial prayers around a domestic Advent wreath and even growing darkness and decreasing temperatures into a summons to pray spiritual communions and become a living flame.

The longing of the Advent season, however, is not just on the part of believers toward God. It's principally about God's longing for us. Well before the people of God's prayers and hopes were recorded in the Old Testament, indeed, even "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4), God has been longing for us. That love led to the Incarnation, to the Passion and, ultimately, to the altar, which is a foretaste of his desire for an eternal communion.

When I prepare children to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, I ask them to ponder the intense longing the Blessed Mother, after the memory of carrying Jesus within her for nine months, would have had to receive her Son Jesus within her anew three-plus decades later in the Masses celebrated by St. Peter, St. John and the other apostles. I ask them to imagine the voracious hunger to receive Jesus of various saints they've come know. And I tell them that even if you take the desires of all of the saints combined, and multiply it by the biggest number one can think of, it would pale in comparison to the longing Jesus has to give himself to us. As Jesus himself said at the beginning of the Last Supper, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:15).

Both Advent and the Holy Eucharist are about not just our desires but God's much greater desire. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a particular expression of this mutual desire.

Let's turn to the principal Advent figures. The four traditional heralds are the prophet Isaiah, St. John the Baptist, the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. The Advent lessons of each are particularly helpful in augmenting our Eucharistic devotion.

So many of Isaiah's prophecies about the Messiah are Eucharistic. He foretells a mountain banquet for all peoples of the choicest food and drink, during which the invitees will cry out, "Behold our God to whom we looked to save us" (25:6-9). He gives four "Suffering Servant" songs, pointing to Jesus' passion when he would offer his Body and Blood to redeem us (42, 49, 50, 52-53). His vocation story, of having his lips cleansed by a seraph with fiery coal (6:1-8), was interpreted by Sts. John Chrysostom, Cyril of Alexandria and John Damascene to refer to the purifying, deifying and missionary dimensions of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. And every day as the Word becomes flesh in the Eucharist, "Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing," as Jesus mentioned when he applied to himself Isaiah's messianic job description (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:21).

Similarly, St. John the Baptist's ministry points to the Eucharist, most notably Jesus' baptism, in which God the Father pronounces Jesus his beloved Son (Matthew 3:17) and John pronounces him, with the words we use every Mass, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).

Mary is the most Eucharistic person in all of history. St. John Paul II indicated that Jesus' "Do this in memory of me" was an echo of her command in Cana, "Do whatever he tells you"; her *fiat* an anticipation of our "Amen"; her womb an image of the receptivity of our soul; her gaze holding her Son in her arms a model of the loving amazement with which we should embrace him; her suffering on Calvary an exemplary "spiritual communion of desire or oblation"; her mission in haste to Elizabeth a sign of our Eucharistic apostolate; and her *Magnificat* an image of our Eucharistic joy (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 54-56).

St. Joseph shows us how not to be afraid of the mystery of taking Jesus and his mother Mary into our life. The cave in Bethlehem, the shelter in Egypt and the house in Nazareth all became sanctuaries where he learned how to live adoringly in the Real Presence of the Son of God. He shows us how to offer ourselves to Jesus in the Mass by the way he offered his body, blood, sweat, callouses, tears and all for Jesus.

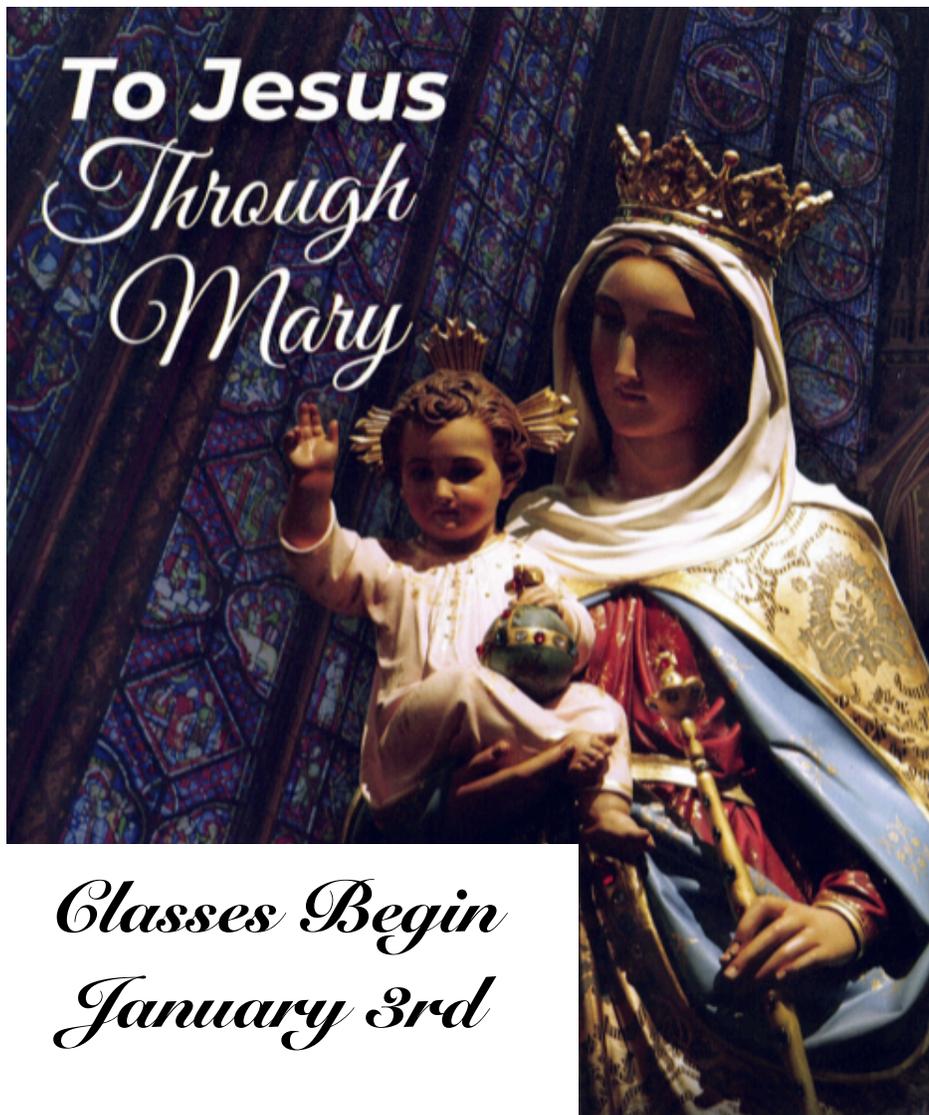
Finally, we turn to Advent devotional practices. One of the most vibrant is the singing of hymns, like *O Come Divine Messiah; Lo, He Comes on Clouds Descending; Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*; and the most famous of all, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, based on the *O Antiphons* the Church uses at Mass and at vespers in the Octave prior to Christmas. These all help us not only to increase our desire for Jesus but teach us about the One whom we desire and are called to relate to practically in the Eucharist as our wisdom, leader, root, key, dawn, king and God-with-us.

All of these virtues, figures and devotional practices are supposed to lead us to grasping how, on the altar, we receive the Jesus whom the shepherds, Wise Men, angels, animals and Holy Family adored, the same Jesus who will come for us anew with love.

Therefore, as we live this new liturgical year, let us resolve to make it a true year of the Lord by uniting it more consciously and practically to the Lord of history, mystery and majesty who reigns in the Eucharist and desires to revive our Eucharistic faith and thereby revitalize his Church.

*Source: catholicnewsagency.com*

*True Devotion to Mary*  
*Total Consecration*



*Classes Begin*  
*January 3rd*

*Five week class based on the writings of*  
*Saint Louis de Montfort*  
*Each Tuesday evening in January 2023*

Interested? Contact Deacon Chet at [chet.johns@sjccs.net](mailto:chet.johns@sjccs.net)  
or pick up an information sheet and sign up in the narthex



# HOCKEY NIGHT

---

DEC. 10 | 7 PM  
BON SECOURS WELLNESS ARENA

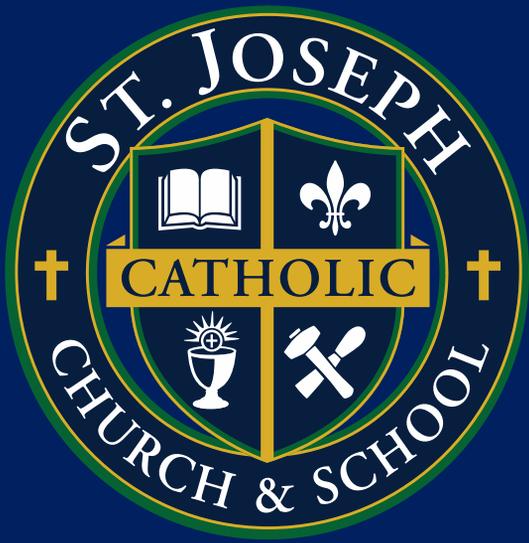
---

WE WILL STAND AT THE TUNNEL AS PLAYERS  
TAKE THE ICE!

TEDDY BEAR TOSS NIGHT

**\$5 FROM EVERY TICKET SOLD USING THE LINK  
BELOW WILL BE DONATED TO SJCS**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE  
<https://fevo.me/stjosephchurch>



“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

-Romans 12:12

December 2, 2022

Our mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, which will prepare us for outstanding achievements in all aspects of life. Our education will enable us to realize spiritual, intellectual, moral, and social growth in a safe, disciplined, family-oriented environment.

**Virtue † Academic Excellence † Discipleship**

## Follow Us



[Facebook.com/StJosephCatholicSchoolAnderson](https://www.facebook.com/StJosephCatholicSchoolAnderson)



[Instagram.com/SJCSAnderson](https://www.instagram.com/SJCSAnderson)

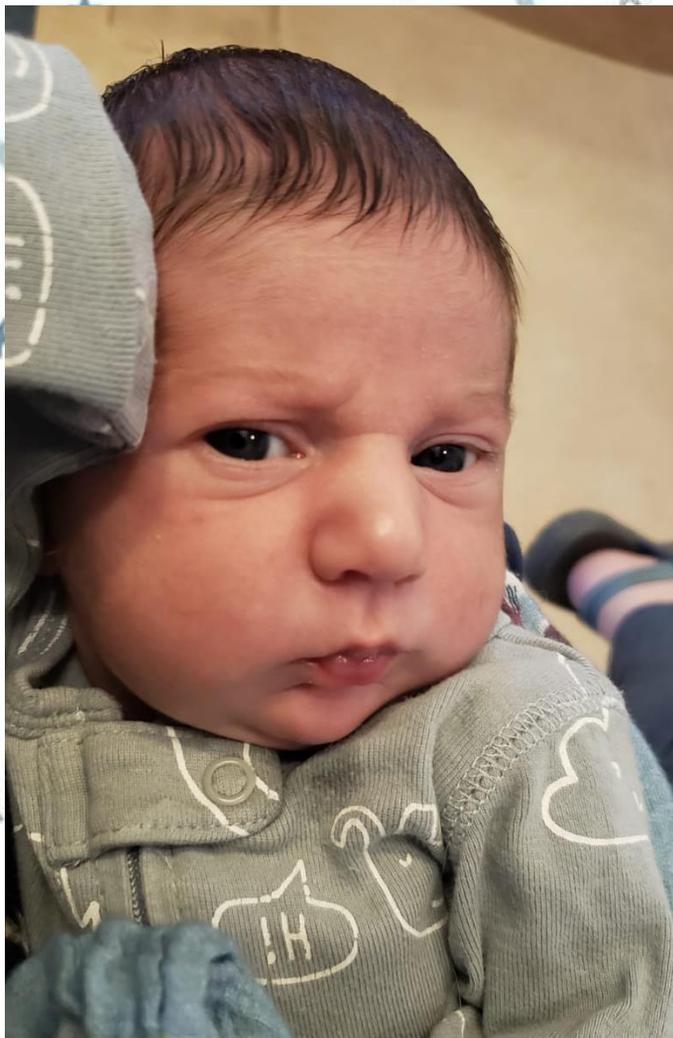
# Important...

**Thank you** to all that contributed to the One Day of Giving! We made 56% of our goal.

Keep investing in us – we invest in your children.



*Important...*



**Congrats to  
Mrs. Keefe  
and her  
family!**



*Welcome baby Tobie!*

# Important...

## Winter Uniforms Going on now

- Shorts are not a part of the Winter Uniform. Khaki and navy pants must be worn instead.
- Knee-high socks and tights will continue to be acceptable for girls to wear with jumpers or skorts/skirts.
- No shorts for PE - navy sweatpants are to be worn instead.

**Please note that pants and tights are always acceptable at any time of year. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Mass uniform never changes.**



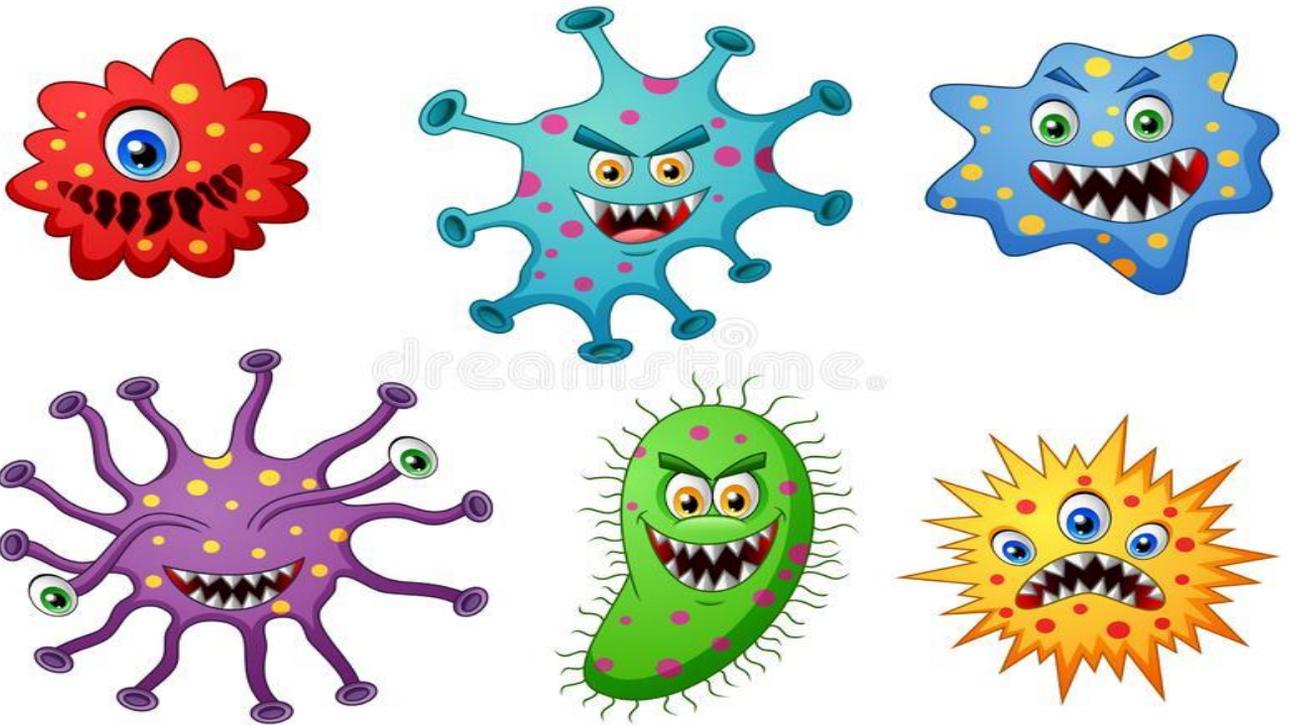
### **If you are unsure...ASK!**

The expectations and standards are found on the website [www.sjccs.net](http://www.sjccs.net) under the Resources Section.

You are also always welcome to call or email any questions.

# Important...

We love it when students share - but, not germs!



To minimize the spread of illness, please keep your student home when they are sick. In case of fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, **PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS AFTER THE LAST EPISODE** before sending your student back to school.

# Coming Up...



**SJCCS  
Umbrellas  
For Only \$25!**

**Hurry!  
Limited supply!**

A colorful poster for a garage sale. At the top is a banner with colorful triangles. Below it, the words "GARAGE SALE" are written in large, bold, green letters. To the left of "SALE" is a golf club icon, and to the right is a pink office chair icon. Below the text is a yellow box containing the date and time: "SATURDAY Dec 3, 2022 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM ANDERSON JOCKEY LOT". At the bottom left is a sun logo with "SMA" inside. In the center is a "K of C" logo. At the bottom right is a circular logo for "ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL".

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Great items and some of  
the proceeds benefit our  
school!**

**Hosted by the Knights of  
Columbus!**

# Coming Up...

## Socks for Saints

In honor of our beloved teacher, Ms. Aurichio, 3rd grade, along with the Secular Franciscans of Anderson, will be collecting winter mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks. These will be given to the Anderson Soup Kitchen, Clean Start, and the food pantry.

We will be collecting these new and gently used items until **December 8th.**



"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed" Proverbs 19:17

*Important...*

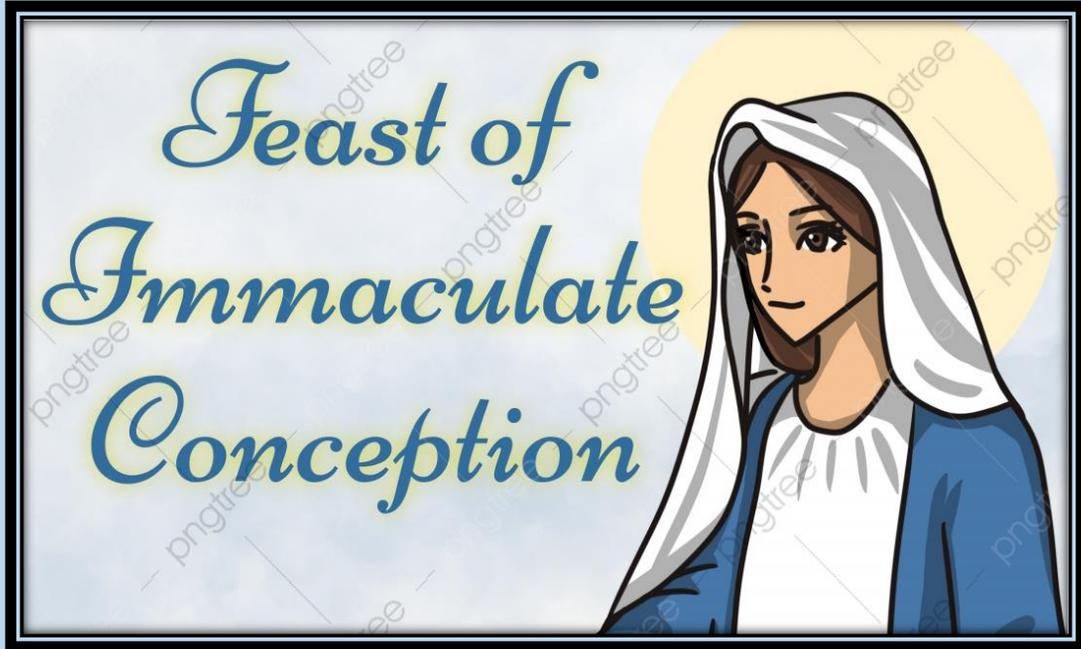


Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**MASS UNIFORMS**

**Your student must be  
signed up for a retake –  
please email**

**[kathy.masseey@sjccs.net](mailto:kathy.masseey@sjccs.net)**

# What to Wear...



Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**MASS UNIFORMS**

**Children's Choir will  
perform**

# What to Wear...



Friday,  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Christmas Sweater  
with PE pants**



# Coming Up...

## PARENT NIGHT OUT

DECEMBER  
9<sup>TH</sup>

5:30 - 8 PM

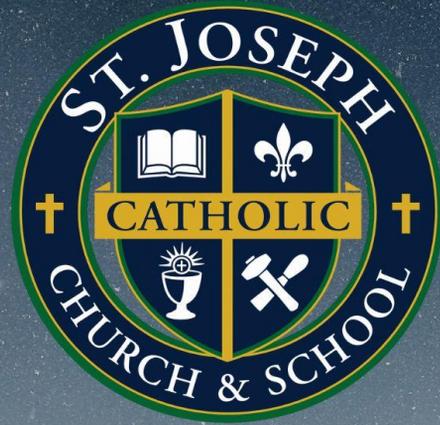
\$20 PER CHILD  
AGES 4 AND UP

DINNER AND FUN  
INCLUDED!  
RSVP BY 12/7

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



# Coming Up...



## HOCKEY NIGHT

---

DEC. 10 | 7 PM  
BON SECOURS WELLNESS ARENA

---

WE WILL STAND AT THE TUNNEL AS PLAYERS  
TAKE THE ICE!

TEDDY BEAR TOSS NIGHT

**\$5 FROM EVERY TICKET SOLD USING THE LINK  
BELOW WILL BE DONATED TO SJCS**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE  
<https://fevo.me/stjosephchurch>

# Coming Up...

## Attention All Artists:

### “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

*A fun and easy way for our parish youth to put faith into action for Our Lord this Advent season!*

**ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to all parish youth between the ages of 5 and 14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of December 12, 2022.

**AGE GROUPS:** Contest entrants will compete in one of three age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-14. A first, second and third place winner will be determined for each age group.

**SUBMISSION CRITERIA:**

- Each poster must reflect the *Keep Christ in Christmas* theme with a visual image.
- There is no limit to the number of posters each contestant may submit.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and art person).
- The name, grade, date of birth and phone number of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of each poster.
- Poster should be no bigger than 11x17 inches.
- Each entry must be turned in to Mrs. Giuliani, their Religious Ed teacher or the St. Joseph Parish office by **December 12, 2022**



**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged based on: Message, Artistic Merit and Overall Impact. Winners will be announced at each Mass on Dec 17 & 18.

**AWARDS:** (Each age category) 1st Place - \$25; 2nd Place - \$15; 3rd Place - \$10

*Winning posters will be displayed in the Church Narthex for the Christmas season!*

**Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus**

# Coming Up...

**Tall Cop: Jermaine Galloway**

**“High In Plain Sight”**

**\*Adults Only\***

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**6:30-7:45p.m.**

**AIT(Anderson Institute of Technology)**

**315 Pearman Dairy Rd. Anderson, SC 29625**



This educational event will provide parents and community members the ability, knowledge, and confidence to help prevent and quickly identify alcohol and/or drug use and abuse indicators of possible at-risk individuals, through products, stash compartments, clothing brands, lingo, music lyrics, etc. Attendees will learn to identify concealment methods for alcohol and drugs in the home, classroom or workplace, including vaping.

This is a FREE event but registration is required due to limited seating.

Register at: <https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/450700165327>

Questions: Melissa or Travis at 864-260-4168

Presented by: Anderson Oconee Behavioral Health Services

[www.aobhs.org](http://www.aobhs.org)



# Coming Up...



Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:30am

Christmas Concert 10am

Minor Reception After

11:45am Dismissal  
(No Extended  
Care)



# What to Wear...



## A Virtuous Night

### Christmas Program Information

St. Joseph's Christmas program will be December 16<sup>th</sup> during the school day. You are invited to mass at 8:30am with your student(s). After mass, there will be a small reception for parents before the program at 10:00. After the performance, we will have our birthday party for Jesus. Please prepare to take the day off of work! We would love to have you there!

A part of the program, classes will be dressing up. Please see the list below to see what your student will dress up as for the program. Start getting your costume ready now! Your student(s) will wear his/her costume to school that day.

**K4** classes- Angels (shirts will be made in class, please wear khaki pants and mass shoes)

**K5** - nativity animals (sheep, cow, donkey, camel)

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Shepherd/Shepherdess

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** - stars (shirts will be made in class, please wear black pants and mass shoes)

**4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**- All black!

Please contact teachers if you have any questions about attire for program.



P.S. Don't forget your baby gifts for St. Clare's Home!

# What to Wear...



## Una noche virtuosa



Información del Programa de Navidad

El programa de Navidad de St. Joseph será el 16 de diciembre durante el día escolar. Usted está invitado a la misa a las 8:30 am con su(s) estudiante(s). Después de la misa, habrá una pequeña recepción para los padres antes de iniciar el programa. Después de la actuación tendremos nuestra fiesta de cumpleaños para Jesús. ¡Prepárese para tomarse el día libre del trabajo!  
¡Nos encantaría contar con su presencia!

Como parte del programa, los estudiantes deberán de disfrazarse. Consulte la lista a continuación para ver cómo se vestirá su estudiante para el programa. ¡Por favor, empiece a preparar su disfraz con tiempo! Su(s) estudiante(s) usará(n) su disfraz para ir a la escuela ese día.

**Clases K4** - Ángeles (las camisas se harán en clase, por favor use pantalones color kaky y zapatos formales)

**K5** - animales de la natividad (ovejas, vacas, burros, camellos)

**1º** - Pastor/Pastora

**2º y 3º** - estrellas (las camisetas se harán en clase, por favor use pantalones negros y zapatos formales)

**4º-7º**- ¡Deberán estar vestidos de color negro!

Por favor, si tiene alguna duda, póngase en contacto con los maestros.



**P.D. ¡No olvide enviarnos un regalo de bebé para St. Clare's Home!**

**RECUERDE QUE ES NUESTRO ULTIMO DIA DE CLASES**

**LA HORA DE SALIDA ES A LAS 11:45 A.M**

**(NO HABRA CUIDADO DE NIÑOS)**

# December Virtue of the Month

Patience -

*Waiting or enduring without  
complaint*

*"Hot tempers cause arguments,  
but patience brings peace."  
-Proverbs 15:18*

PK – 2<sup>nd</sup>

St. Monica

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

St. Isaac Jogues

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

St. Rita of Cascia

Click [HERE](#) for the Parent Guide and access to all home projects.

Virtue Winners...

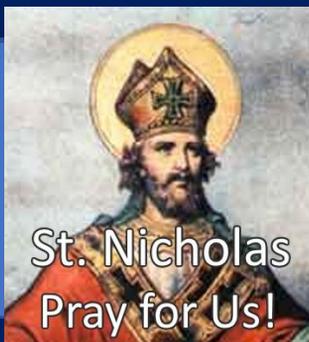
November



Humility

# Upcoming Events

\*Calendar can be located at [www.sjccs.net](http://www.sjccs.net).



Feast of St. Nicholas  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup>



Elves Workshop  
Dec 7-9<sup>th</sup>



PTO Meeting  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup>



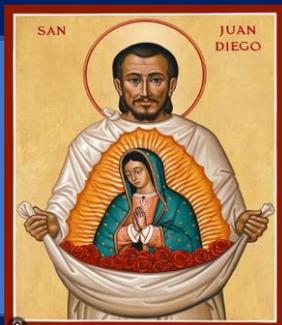
Feast of Immaculate  
Conception  
Dec 8<sup>th</sup>



Parents Night Out  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

# Upcoming Events

\*Calendar can be located at [www.sjccs.net](http://www.sjccs.net).



Feast of Juan Diego  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup>



Feast of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup>



Mass &  
Christmas Program  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS  
BREAK**

Christmas Break  
Dec 17-30<sup>th</sup>

**NO SCHOOL**



No School – Professional  
Development Day  
Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Save the Date...

## February 11, 2023



*A night to remember! All are welcome!  
Ticket information to come*

# How to help... Sign up today



## Box Tops for Education

Download the App, select our school, scan your receipts. Or bring in your receipts and we will do it for you! EASY!

Bookmark **Amazon Smiles** and use it every time you shop so 0.5% of your purchases go back to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Or start your Amazon shopping by going [HERE](#) first.

The AmazonSmile logo, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with the Amazon arrow logo below it.



When you shop at **Ingles**, they donate money to the school for new supplies and equipment. Click [HERE](#) and link your Ingles Advantage Card to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Club Publix, under your profile, click Publix Partners (scroll all the way to the right) and search for St. Joseph Catholic School. Enter your phone number when you shop.

The Publix logo, featuring a green circle with a white letter "P" inside, and the word "Publix" in green, lowercase letters below it.



**We are still collecting bottlecaps to create awesome works of art!**

# December Birthdays

Isa W 12-2

Jasmine H 12-3

Lexi K 12-6

Frida M 12-11

Cristopher G 12-11

Eliza H 12-12

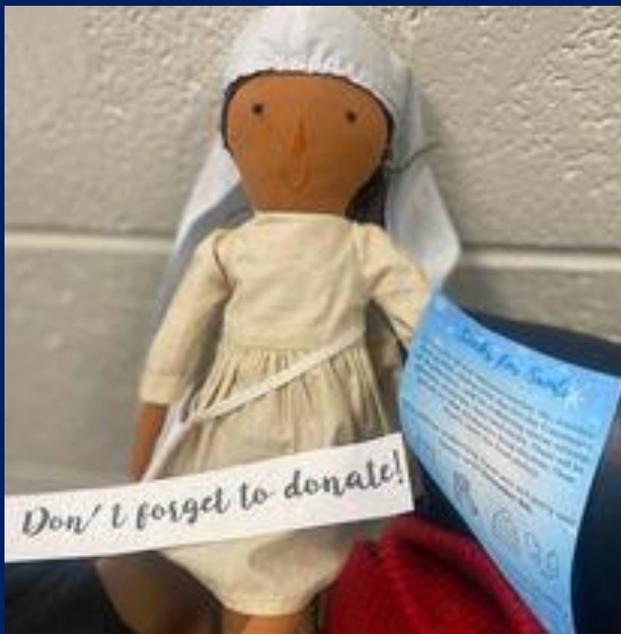
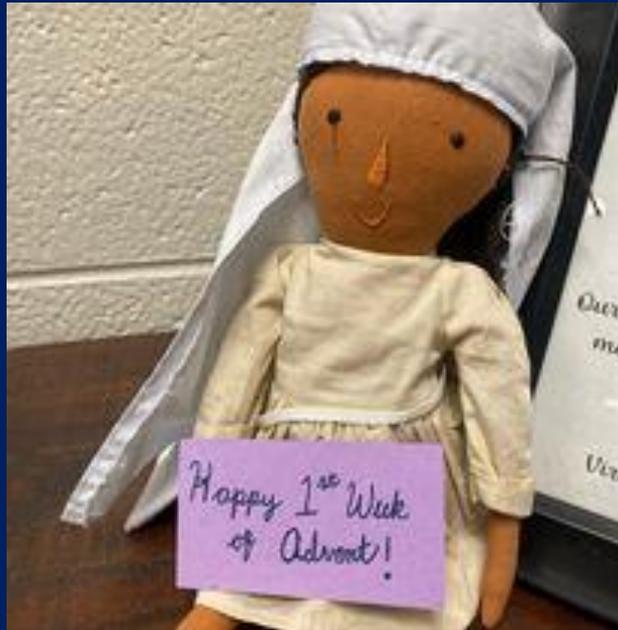
Declan D 12-13

Charlotte D 12-16

# School Life

View more pictures on St. Joseph of Anderson Facebook Page!

## Mary on the Mantle is moving around!



# Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our school great!  
**You are awesome!**

## Lunches:

### Catholic Women Serving:

**Donna Wingo  
Patti Wiker  
Alice Henderson**

Elizabeth Medrano  
Evelyn Hooks  
Wilma Aguado  
Mayra Salgado  
Danny Arita  
Isbel Mercado  
Maria Tortolero  
Gladys Tortolero  
Elizabeth Wingard



## Readers:



Linda Ketchapaw  
Alice Henderson  
Linda Firneno  
Heather McSwain  
Mary Donovan

**Thanks to all families for  
their contributions to the  
One Day of Giving  
Campaign!**



## School Volunteers:

**Raiza Cuesta  
Mary Jean Griffin  
Alice Henderson**

# Joke Corner!

**What kind of photos do elves take?**



**Elf-ies!**

**Students - submit your funny joke!**

If your joke gets picked for the newsletter –  
you will win a Dress Down Pass!

Submit your joke to the office.

Plan for it...

# Church

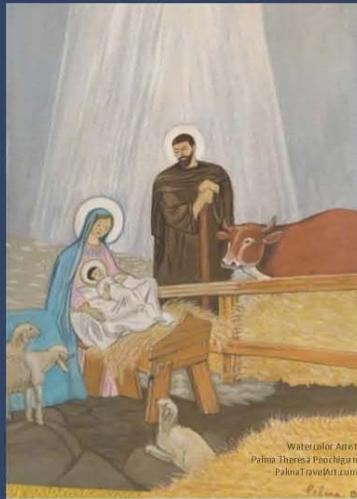


Corner

*Musical Reflections on the  
True Meaning of Christmas*



25-year-old pianist Anthony Coniglio presents *Musical Reflections on the True Meaning of Christmas*, in which he shares meditations on well-known Christmas hymns. Through the music, Coniglio reminds us of the true reason for the season, the Incarnation of Truth Himself, and helps us prepare to celebrate Christmas in its fullness!



**Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**1200 Cornelia Road, Anderson, SC 29621**

**For more information contact, 864-225-5341**

**[sjccs.net](http://sjccs.net)**